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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY LISBON IMMEDIATE  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PO

SUBJECT: CONTACT WITH AZOREAN SEPARATISTS

1. ON AUGUST 26 DEPT OFFICER CALLED MR. CARLOS MATOS OF  
COMITE ACOREANO (JOSE ALMEIDA IN CANADA) TO INFORM HIM  
THAT DEPT OFF. HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY SUPERIORS TO CONVEY  
FOLLOWING POINTS, 'HICH WE WERE MAKING ELSEWHERE AS WELL:

-- WE HAVE HEARD RUMORS CLAIMING THAT USG SUPPORTS IMMEDIATE  
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE -- THAT IS NOT THE CASE.

-- ANY MOVE NOW COULD BE USED BY COMMUNISTS TO STRENGTHEN  
AN ALREADY WEAK POSITION.

-- FRIENDS IN LISBON TELL US THAT ANY MOVE NOW COULD BE  
DISASTROUS FOR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION THERE.

-- USG POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF AZOREAN INDEPENDENCE  
REMAINS ONE OF STRICT NEUTRALITY -- THAT IS NON-INVOLVEMENT.

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2. MR. MATOS SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND PROMISED TO INFORM  
ALMEIDA EVENING OF AUGUST 26. INGERSOLL

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